

BELIEF IN MESSENGERS

When the first revelation sent down to the prophet Muhammad (*SallAllahu Alaihi Wasallam*) in the cave of Hira, he (*SallAllahu Alaihi Wasallam*) returned with the Inspiration and with his heart beating severely. Then he went to (his beloved wife) Khadija bint Khuwailid (*RadhiAllahu Anha*) and said, ” زَمِّلُونِي زَمِّلُونِي ” “*zammiluni, zammiluni*” "Cover me! Cover me!" They covered him till his fear was over and after that he (*SallAllahu Alaihi Wasallam*) told her everything that had happened and said, "I fear that something may happen to me." Khadija (*RadhiAllahu Anha*) replied, "Never! By Allah, Allah will never disgrace you. You keep good relations with your kith and kin, help the poor and the destitute, serve your guests generously and assist the deserving calamity-afflicted ones." Khadija then accompanied him to her cousin Waraqa bin Naufal bin Asad bin 'Abdul 'Uzza, who, during the pre-Islamic Period became a Christian and used to write the writing with Hebrew letters. He would write from the Gospel in Hebrew as much as Allah wished him to write. He was an old man and had lost his eyesight. Khadija (*RadhiAllahu Anha*) said to Waraqa, "Listen to the story of your nephew, O my cousin!" Waraqa asked, "O my nephew! What have you seen?" Allah's Messenger (*SallAllahu Alaihi Wasallam*) described whatever he had seen. Waraqa said, "This is the same one who keeps the secrets (angel Gabriel) whom Allah had sent to Moses. (Bukhari)

Belief in angles is the fourth pillar of Iman (Belief), as contained in the hadith known as Hadith-e-Jibrael". The Prophet (*SallAllahu Alaihi Wasallam*) said when Jibrael (Alaihis Salam) asked him about Iman:

« أَنْ تُؤْمِنَ بِاللَّهِ وَمَلَائِكَتِهِ وَكُتُبِهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَالْقَدَرِ خَيْرِهِ وَشَرِّهِ » (متفق عليه)

Translation of Meaning:

'To believe in Allah, His Angels, His, Books, His Messengers, the Day of Judgment, and Al-Qadar, the good of it and the bad of it.'

Allah (*Ta'ala*) sent many prophets and messengers for the guidance of mankind. Some of them have been mentioned in the Holy Quran while great majority of

them have not been mentioned in the Holy Quran. However, we have to believe in all on them. Allah (Ta'ala) says:

﴿ فَآمِنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ ۚ ﴾ النساء: ١٧١

Translation of Meaning: So believe in Allâh and His Messengers. (An-Nisa:171)

At another place Allah (Ta'ala) says:

﴿ وَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِاللَّهِ وَرُسُلِهِ وَلَمْ يُفَرِّقُوا بَيْنَ أَحَدٍ مِّنْهُمْ أُولَٰئِكَ سَوْفَ يُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرُهُمْ وَكَانَ اللَّهُ غَفُورًا رَّحِيمًا ﴾ النساء: ١٥٢

Translation of Meaning: And those who believe in Allâh and His Messengers and make no distinction between any of them (Messengers), We shall give them their rewards, and Allâh is Ever Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. (An-Nisa: 152)

Allah (Ta'ala) sent many prophets and messengers. The following prophets and messengers have been mentioned in the Holy Quran:

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| 1-Hadrat Adam (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 14- Hadrat Yunus (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 2- Hadrat Nooh (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 15- Hadrat Moosa (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 3- Hadrat Idris (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 16- Hadrat Haroon (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 4- Hadrat Swale (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 17- Hadrat Al-Yasa (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 5- Hadrat Hood (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 18- Hadrat Zul-Kifl (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 6- Hadrat Ibrahim (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 19- Hadrat Dawood (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 7- Hadrat Loot (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 20- Hadrat Zakaria (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 8- Hadrat Ismaeel (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 21- Hadrat Sulaiman (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 9- Hadrat Is'haq (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 22- Hadrat Ilyas (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 10- Hadrat Yaqoob (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 23- Hadrat Yahya (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 11- Hadrat Yousuf (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 24- Hadrat Isa (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), |
| 12- Hadrat Ayyub (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | 25- Hadrat Muhammad (ﷺ) |
| 13- Hadrat Shoaib (<i>Alaihis Salam</i>), | |

Allah (Ta'ala) Says:

﴿ وَلَقَدْ أَرْسَلْنَا رُسُلًا مِّن قَبْلِكَ مِنْهُمْ مَّن قَصَصْنَا عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْهُمْ مَّن لَّمْ نَقْصُصْ عَلَيْكَ ﴾ غافر: ٧٨

Translation of Meaning:

And, indeed We have sent Messengers before you (O Muhammad SAW); of some of them We have related to you their story and of some We have not related to you their story. (Ghafir:78)

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